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Per reftel, PolOff demarched First Secretary Marios Kountourides in the Cypriot MFA's Department of Multilateral Affairs regarding the urgency of reaching a decision in New York on the 2008-09 UN budget. Kountourides responded that Cyprus had not yet formulated its official position. In doing so, he would need to consult with fellow EU member-state representatives, the Cypriot UN PermRep, and his colleagues at Cyprus's EU mission in Brussels. While not stating it, he implied that Cyprus would follow EU consensus regarding the UN budget. Kountarides understood, however, that member-states were far from reaching agreement.
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